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Case No. 1391/1561

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert J. Yatka, et al.

Serial No: 10/712,114

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin

Filed: November 13, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1761

For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING
RELEASE OF N-SUBSTITUTED
DERIVATIVES OF
ASPARTAME IN CHEWING
GUM AND GUM PRODUCED
THEREBY

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated August 19, 2004 for a period of 1 month(s).

12/27/2004 YPOLITE 00000132 10/712114

02 FC:1251

120.00 OP

- ☐ claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- ☒ is other than small entity

	<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee Payment

- ☐ Attached is a check for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- ☒ Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$120 for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 12/20/04

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